

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION VETERAN TRANSITION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5957, the Federal Aviation Administration Veteran Transition Improvement Act, allows an important federal benefit to be extended to newly hired veterans at the FAA. This commonsense piece of legislation corrects an oversight in the Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act that was passed last year. This act inadvertently excluded FAA employees from coverage.

One out of three veterans who served after September 11th report having a service-connected disability and more than two-thirds of those disabilities are rated 30 percent or higher. Mr. Speaker, just in my district, there are more than 40,000 veterans, of whom many have the skill-sets and aviation background needed to succeed in highly technical FAA positions.

This bill can help ensure that a veteran's service will not become an obstacle for future employment. I appreciate the leadership and partnership of Mr. LARSEN on this simple, important fix to an employment barrier for veterans in our nation.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 5957.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE MARIE CHOTVACS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anne Marie Chotvacs, the clerk of the State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, who will be leaving the Committee staff after more than twelve years of service.

Anne Marie joined the Appropriations Committee staff in 2004 and has worked on various subcommittees and for various chairmen since that time, ultimately becoming the clerk of the State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee in 2009.

As the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I have had the honor and pleasure of working closely with Anne Marie. She provides me with advice and information for many meetings, including those with foreign dignitaries here in the U.S. and overseas, as well as guides the Subcommittee legislation through the complicated and often difficult foreign policy and foreign assistance issues that arise each year.

Anne Marie is a dedicated professional. She efficiently manages her staff, and she sets an

example as a leader who has always been willing to put the Committee first. She has sacrificed countless hours, weeks, and years to further the work of the Committee and advance the interests of the United States in a responsible and fiscally sustainable manner.

I have said before, and I will say again, the Appropriations Committee has the best staff on Capitol Hill. Anne Marie is the epitome of that statement. Congress, and I, will miss Anne Marie's contributions and leadership; but we thank her for her dedication and professionalism and wish her well in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ARMENIA'S 25TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, I rise today to recognize Armenia's twenty-fifth Independence Day on September 21st.

Both the United States and Armenia share the belief that remembering our countries' heritages is critical to paving the path to tomorrow. In the first genocide of the 20th century, nearly 1.5 million Armenians perished at the hands of the Ottoman Empire. And, for much of the Twentieth Century, Armenia was under the brutal rule of the Soviet Union. Although history has presented the Armenian people with many challenges, they have always found a way to triumph in the face of daunting adversity.

The United States has consistently stood with Armenia over the last twenty-five years as the Armenian people have shown how a former Republic of the Soviet Union could transition into a thriving democratic nation-state. As we have seen around the world, new democracies will have their struggles. However, I am confident that the resiliency and strength of the Armenian people will allow them to overcome any obstacles challenging their country's bright future.

I would again like to congratulate the people of Armenia on their twenty-fifth Independence Day. This anniversary is a time to remember the sacrifices of the past and to look ahead to a future.

COMMEMORATING THE PASSING OF AND RECENT STREET NAMING IN HONOR OF ERNESTINE ANDERSON

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Ernestine Anderson, who

was recently commemorated in Seattle with a street renamed in her honor. Ms. Anderson passed away on March 10, 2016. She was an internationally renowned and a beloved Seattle jazz vocalist. Ms. Anderson's career spanned over six decades and earned her four Grammy nominations. In fitting commemoration, Ernestine Anderson Way now spans the heart of Seattle's Central District, where her career started.

Ernestine Anderson was born in Houston, Texas on November 11, 1928 and began singing when she was 3 years old. Her family moved to Seattle in 1944 and she began singing in clubs on Jackson Street in the Central District as a teenager. During her career, Ernestine Anderson performed at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall and in 1958 she performed at the first Monterey Jazz Festival.

After many years touring and recording music in Los Angeles, New York and London, Ms. Anderson returned to Seattle and briefly retired from music, working as a hotel maid and at a telephone answering service. Ms. Anderson is known for her song "Never Make Your Move Too Soon," which was recorded by B.B. King, and appeared on her Grammy nominated album in 1981.

In 2002, Ms. Anderson was awarded the Golden Umbrella by the popular Seattle music and arts festival known as Bumbershoot. In 2012, the Low Income Housing Institute named one of their projects Ernestine Anderson Place. These acknowledgements are a testament to the impact that Ms. Ernestine has had on Seattle.

Ernestine Anderson has left an indelible mark on our community and her legacy will live on through her music. A memorial service for Ernestine Anderson took place on April 9, 2016 in Seattle, Washington at the historical Paramount Theater. She will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JOHN MICHAEL ANSTETT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the words of Zachary Anstett, written in memory of his beloved father, John Michael Anstett. Zachary's words are as follows:

Whenever I think of my dad, the very first thing that always comes to mind is a familiar scene, not a particular one: perhaps our family's workhorse car needs to be fixed by tomorrow morning otherwise countless important lessons, orthodontics appointments, not to mention after school activities of soccer, piano lessons, and Martial Arts training will be missed. Which is why we are both crouched under the jacked up car (don't worry, this is likely where he teaches me about the safety jack stands provide us working under the car) everything looking like a black and white film in the harsh caged high wattage light-bulb's glow. I do believe I learned about the difference between

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